



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year 2026!

As the Christmas holidays filled our hearts with joy, we have now moved into a new year. As we step into 2026, let's get excited to get out of our comfort zone and get out of the house. Come back to us at the WC, we continue to have informative meetings, good programs, good luncheons and great camaraderie. This past year was one of meaningful accomplishments, we met our charitable goals, thank you to all for your continued support. We recently hosted our 2025 – 2026 scholarship recipients from the Empowerment Center with a continental breakfast at the mansion. The program opened with a mansion tour given by Jane Stone, past WC President. Afterwards, Dr. Vera, director of the Empowerment Center at San Antonio College invited 2 students to express their feelings of what the scholarship meant to them. Dr. Vera then handed out the scholarship certificates. It was very touching to hear how appreciative these students were for our monetary support. Thank you to Sandra Whittaker, Scholarship Committee Chair, for her many years of dedication to this valuable program and to her committee members. We did have five members who left our world and went on to a second life with our Lord. These members will be missed. They and we, all have a legacy within The Woman's Club of San Antonio. Let's make it great in our contributions to the charities, scholarships, restoration and beautification of our Club House.

Our Christmas Faire went off without a hitch. Heather Hays and Jennifer Brearley did a great job of coordinating the entire event:

Arabella Dalton – Christmas Faire Preview Chair

Flora Tallman – Everyday Driver (to pick up guests at the playhouse)

Linda Oliver – Vendor Food Room Hostess

Jeanne Koplan – Decoration Coordinator of Round Tables

Angela Pfeiffer – WC Boutique Coordinator

Marsha Metz – Bakery Sales

Tina Zimmerman – Caterer

A huge thank you to you and your volunteers for your service. The Christmas Faire and our Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon are our biggest fundraisers. Of the many women's clubs in San Antonio, we continue to own a Club House and these funds help support our mansion. Please keep this in mind and promote these events. Our 2026 Official Fiesta Hat Contest and Luncheon will occur on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Let's make it, the largest attendance event. It's always unique and fun.

Stay tuned for the many upcoming events...it's Fiesta time!

Wishing you good health, happiness and prosperity in our New Year.

Best regards, Sandra

GOLDEN BOOK

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas

- ❖ In honor of the 23rd birthday of Sophia Christiansen, by Brian, Johanna, Harold & Tessa Christiansen

CARE AND CONCERN

Life Member Barbara Neiman passed on December 8th. Service information and obituary: [Barbara](#)

[Niemann Obituary - San Antonio, TX](#). Ferne Burney offers the following memory:



“I recall a conversation I had with Barbara Neimann years ago as we were leaving the Club. She was offering me advice since I was then president; and if you knew her, you know that advice was always available, on-point, and helpful. After a while into our exchange, I asked her what she had done in her career. She replied with a wry smile, “I was a cop”. I stood in silence, stunned by the information that I never would have guessed. She was not just a cop, she was the first female detective to serve on San Antonio’s police force. She served admirably as a detective, a job that requires distinct qualities and intelligence. More than that, she worked at the State Hospital as a psychologist and worked with the Volunteer Services Council, a group started by

members of The Woman’s Club. Barbara was an Eleanor of the best kind: serious, determined, loving, and not bound by what society told her she should be.

I loved her and admired her.....End of Watch...may you rest in peace.”

- ❖ Past President (2018-2020) Ferne Burney had a hip replacement on December 10th which she chose as outpatient surgery! Well wishes may be sent to: Ferne Burney, 340 Mary Louise Dr., San Antonio, Tx. 78201

NEWSLETTER NOTES

- ❖ Thank you to Jonathan Hays for choosing The Woman’s Club and our handicap ramp for his Eagle Scout project. With the help of Boy Scout Troop #90, the ramp was cleaned, sanded, and painted over Thanksgiving week. They even painted the lattice and the garden arch that is nearby. The two big dips in brick garden path were leveled and garden edging added along the path to help retain the sand.



- ❖ As Restoration Chair, I am proud to report that the Gold room furniture has been beautifully recovered. The Club should be grateful to the following for their monetary contributions toward the expenses: Kathy Littlefield, Jaquie Rothermel, Angela Pfeiffer, Nelle Still Pichler, Kathy Tarkington, Diane Lewallen, Linda Oliver, Karen Ward, Modernist Round Table, Soiree Round Table, American Home & Garden Round Table, and Patsy Pelton. A special thank you to Kathy Littlefield for going all the way to Houston to find such durable yet period appropriate fabric. On top of that, she donated the cost of the fabric! The Golden Book will continue to accept contributions to repair and replace the furniture in the foyer. Gratefully, Kathy Tarkington

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Carson-Miller	Jan 1
Carolyn Sanders	Jan 1
Faye Davenport	Jan 3
Patricia Broyles	Jan 9
Gretchen Stepke	Jan 11
Victoria Hatcher	Jan 12
Joan Cleary	Jan 13
Karen Ward	Jan 13



Erin Trevino	Jan 17
Laura Hilbig	Jan 20
Sophia Christiansen	Jan 20
Linda Champagne	Jan 25
Carmen Ingram	Jan 25
Michael Quintanilla	Jan 25
Irma Iris Duran	Jan 25
Rosalinda Mancha	Jan 28

WCSA January luncheon
Presents
Member's

Pop up Shops
January 7 th
10 to 2
At the
Mansion

SHOP SMALL

Come shop for Valentines
in the fun and exciting
area of the boutique.

WCSA WORK DAY
 Spring Cleaning
JAN 31
10-2

Students: Bring your volunteer hour logs to receive credits

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS


Tawana Timberlake, Vice-President

RSVP to the Woman's Club office @ 210-732-4811 for credit card payment

The Woman's Club of San Antonio

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 2026
10:30 am Social, 11:00 am Meeting & Speaker, 12:00 pm Lunch



THE HONORABLE LUCY ADAME-CLARK

Lucy Adame-Clark is the first Latina and first woman elected in history, since the creation of the Republic of Texas as Bexar County Clerk. She was born and raised in San Antonio. Mrs. Adame-Clark is a mother of two beautiful children and the wife of a sheriff's deputy.

MENU: EGG DROP SOUP, CHICKEN IMPERIAL (WOMAN'S CLUB COOKBOOK), RICE, ROASTED VEGETABLES, AND CARROT CAKE

Reservations by noon on January 5th at Ticket Leap
Call: (210)732-4811

Meeting Tickets and Reservations:

<https://www.ticketleap.events/events/wcosa>

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SPAGHETTI
Luncheon



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January 19 @ 11 AM
1717 San Pedro

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/wcosa/ingenue-spaghetti-lunch-406391251>

The Scholarship Committee hosted a brunch on December 15th at the Mansion for our scholarship recipients. We celebrated their success and a delicious brunch was served. Members for the San Antonio College Empowerment Center and Administration also attended. Jane Stone told us about the history of the house and took everyone on a tour. The students discussed how the scholarships affected their academic studies and their lives.



CHRISTMAS FAIRE

A Note From Heather Hays:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's "Traditional Christmas at the Mansion" a success! I know many people worked very hard and donated a lot of time to this fundraiser. It is so appreciated.

A special THANK YOU goes to Flora Tallman. For the 3rd year in a row, Flora has run the shuttle everyday of the Christmas Faire event. Please take the time to tell her how much her dedication has been appreciated. The shuttle is a vital part of this event, allowing guests and vendors to park at The San Pedro Playhouse lot and be delivered to our front door. It makes a huge difference in attendance of our event. Thank you Flora!

Another special THANK YOU goes to Linda Oliver who organized and hosted the hospitality room that is available for the vendors. Linda made sure there was plenty of breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks for our vendors. She also prepared for and cleaned up the hospitality room and bathrooms every day of the faire. Thank you Linda and all the ladies who donated or cooked food. The vendors greatly appreciated your efforts. The hospitality room received the most comments on our vendor survey. All glowing praise and appreciation for your generosity of time, food, and effort.





Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Over 80 participants. Children and adults enjoyed a yummy breakfast from our own Chef Tina. Activities included a visit with Santa, coloring and letter writing to Santa, and a beautiful sing a long with Valerie Campbell. The Boutique was open for Christmas shopping. It was a fun Christmas event for children in the big, beautiful mansion of the Woman's Club of San Antonio. Great job to all volunteers who made this event so successful. Especially Diane Reyes, Chairman of the event.



New Year Recipe

Take 12 fine, full-grown months. See that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, anger, hate, and jealousy. Cut these into 31 equal parts of faith, patience, work, kindness, prayer, meditation, and good resolution. Put in a teaspoon of good spirits, a dash of fun, a sprinkle of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. Pour into the whole a liberal supply of life. Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy. Then, serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness. A Happy New Year is a certainty.

Bake Shoppe Note:

Our members generously donated a wide variety of cookies, breads, jellies, candies, pickles, rolls, and cakes. Angela Pfeiffer, Kathy Littlefield, and the other "gingerbread ladies" baked and assembled 150 kits. Special thanks go to Ferne Burney, who arranged for delivery of the pecans and walnuts and to Sandra Whittaker for donating the silver tablecloths. Chairman Marsha Metz thanks helpers Cyndi Munch, Helen Henderson, Jeanne Koplan, Helen Jones, Carolynn Snyder, Patti Villarreal, and Karen Ward, as well as all who patronized the Bake Shoppe. We raised \$7,358. this year!

DECEMBER MEETING



ROUND TABLE CORNER

Soiree Round Table held their final meeting of the year at the Club. We had a wonderful meal catered by Tina and enjoyed a gift exchange and fun reindeer games.



From Ingenue Chair Johanna Christiansen: **The Ingenues** hosted a Christmas party for the Respite Care children held at The Woman's Club. Respite Care is a home for abused special needs children and an official charity of The Woman's Club. Twenty-five children and their fifteen caregivers came to the club for an afternoon of games, decorating cookies/gingerbread houses, eating food, and singing songs. Santa came and each child received a special gift. It was truly a wonderful afternoon of fun filled activities for these very special children!





Our Fiesta Royalty showed up to cheer on the San Antonio Marathon runners.



JANUARY 2026 HOUSE CALENDAR

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Jan 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
		Kayla Rental	New Year's Eve ● 10am Combined	New Year's Day ● 11am SAWF Boan		
4	● 4:30pm Photo Sh	6	● 11am WCSA Gen	8	Culligan Delivery	10
11	12	● 11:30am Friendsh	14	● 11am SAWF Gen ● 11:30am Books at	16	17
● 3pm Royalty Pho	Martin Luther King Ingenue Pasta Lunc	● 6:30pm Soiree Rc	● 11:30am Fiesta Ri	22	● 10am Bridge Rou	Pageant - Heather I
25	● 11:30am Fine Arts	● 11:30am Moderni	● 10am Combined	29	30	31

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